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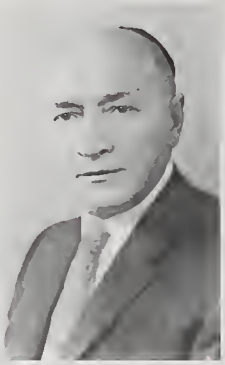
25TH ANNIVERSARY DRIVE MOVES AHEAD

J.N.F. to Honour Jacob Gordon, Sunday Evening, November 18

Jacob Gordon, the highly respected and beloved teacher who has served the community for more than 48 years, is to be the guest of honour at the Annual Negev Dinner of the Jewish National Fund, according to an announcement by Samuel Taller, Chairman of the Jewish National Fund Council of Ottawa and Alex Betcherman, Chairman of the Selection Committee.

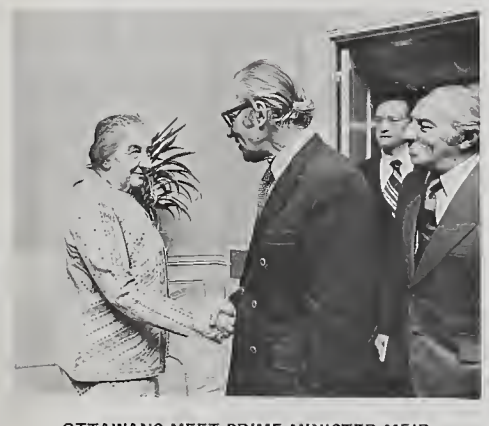
Mr. Gordon is to be cited for his exemplary devotion over the course of many years to the welfare of the Jewish and general community, to the Zionist movement and to the upbuilding of the State of Israel. The testimonial dinner will take place on Sunday evening, November 18 at the Jewish Community Centre.

The proceeds will be used to establish a project which will link his name with the soil of Israel in perpetuity. More details will be announced shortly, but in the meantime, you are requested to reserve the date so you can join in honouring this distinguished citizen.



Jacob Gordon

A planning and organization meeting for the Negev Dinner is to take place on Sunday morning, September 30 at 10:30 at the Jewish Community Centre. Anyone who would like to help assure the success of this event is invited to attend.



OTTAWANS MEET PRIME MINISTER MEIR

Several leading members of the Jewish community had the privilege of meeting Prime Minister Golda Meir in private session at a recent conference in New York. Shown shaking hands with her is Harold Shenkman while David Zelikovitz and Dr. Marcus Weinberger look on.

Challenges & Opportunities

Norman Zagerman, newly-elected President of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir, has faith and confidence in the future of Jewish life in this community. He particularly wants to involve younger men and women in leadership roles and invites their suggestions and participation.

Mr. Zagerman assumed the responsibilities of the senior post in the Jewish community upon his election at the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the organization at the end of June. He succeeded Abe Palmer.

In addressing himself to the delegate assembly following acceptance of the gavel of office, he said:

"I have always said that Ottawa is the finest Jewish community anywhere and I am both proud and humble to accept the presidency of the Vaad. I thank you for the confidence and honour that you have bestowed upon me this evening. I do so not only for myself, but for the other officers with whom I shall have the privilege of serving for the next twelve months.

"The Ottawa Vaad is a unique organization. It is not only the Jewish Social Planning Council of Ottawa, but also the Jewish United Appeal. We dispense services as well as finances.

With society changing at such a rapid pace, I foresee many challenges during my tenure of office. We shall have to find new definitions, strengthen existing programs, and reinforce loyalties among the young and those not so young. We shall have to reach out and draw in all the diverse elements which make up the vibrant and outstanding Jewish community in which we live.

"In all these matters I shall try to build on the solid foundations established by my predecessors, but if change is indicated, I shall seek change, always bearing in mind what is best for the total community.

I said before that there will be challenges. With your help and support, I am confident we can translate these into opportunities for the greater service of our people not only in Ottawa, but everywhere."

A 1973 Israel Bond in every Jewish home in honour of the 25th Anniversary of the State of Israel is the goal of the Ottawa Israel Bond Campaign in 1973.

David Zelikovitz, General Chairman of the Ottawa 1973 Israel Bond Drive, stated that the present campaign would intensify its efforts to reach out to every Jewish family to encourage purchases of Israel Bonds this year to demonstrate Ottawa Jewry's joy for the achievements of Israel during its first quarter century of renaissance.

Pointing to Israel's major problems as defence, the deprived sector of the population and the economic integration of Russian Jewry Mr. Zelikovitz stated, "The people of Israel are prepared to continue to shoulder the burden of defence both physically and financially. But when it comes to alleviating problems such as integrating immigrants and upgrading job opportunities for thousands at the poverty-line level, Israel cannot manage alone and turns to Canadian Jews and elsewhere in the free world for assistance.

David Zelikovitz

"Some $1.7 billion dollars is required for essential services in 1973" Mr. Zelikovitz said adding, "this was even more than what was budgeted for defence. Israel Bonds must provide a major segment of this commitment."

The Ottawa goal of one million can be reached, Mr. Zelikovitz pointed out if the Jewish community will not remain silent but will come forth in great numbers to meet its responsibilities by lending money to Israel through Israel Bonds.

Many important functions have already been held and the campaign will be climaxed with the annual High Holiday sale of Bonds in the Synagogues and a Dinner of Tribute to Alex Betcherman and Solomon Zelikovitz on October 24.

Sharing responsibility with General Chairman David Zelikovitz in the Drive are three Vice-Chairmen, Harry Goldstein, Mac Levin and Jack Pleet.

The Women's Division for Israel Bonds is again headed by Mrs. Jack Fogel. The Women's Division is planning a 25th Anniversary Luncheon on October 15 with Theodore Bikel as the guest speaker.

Mrs. Fogel reported that a special category of Anniversary Patrons has been established for women purchasers of $250 or more. The response to date is most encouraging. The names of anniversary patrons will be published in the Luncheon Program.

Ottawa Jewish women are invited to attend the luncheon by the purchase of an Israel Bond in 1973 and are encouraged to enroll as Anniversary Patrons. Mrs. Fogel and her three Vice-Chairladies, Mrs. David Moskovic, Mrs. Sol Shabinsky and Mrs. Sol Shinder anticipate that the Women's Division will far surpass previous years in the sale of Israel Bonds.

Mrs. Jack Fogel

Mrs. Fogel and Mr. Zelikovitz extend best wishes to the community for a healthy and happy New Year.

J.C.C.'s 73-74 Program in Full Swing Sun. Oct. 7

Dozens of enjoyable leisure-time activities for all age groups and interests in addition to those already underway will be initiated on Sunday, October 7 as the Jewish Community Centre moves into high gear on its 1973–74 fall and winter program.

In the days and weeks ahead children, teenagers, young adults and adults will become immersed which will cater to every age and taste in the social, recreational, informal educational and physical fitness spheres.

Program committees and staff have been at work for weeks on the specifics of the program, details of which will be mailed to the community in the near future.

A great deal of interest has been generated in all sections of dicates that this will be the biggest year for members since the Centre opened its expanded new plant some year ago.

Most families in the community are within fifteen minutes driving time from the Centre and as a result, many people have begun to take advantage of the facilities and services the Centre offers to everyone in the Jewish communiliation, area of residence or ability to pay.

Whether you are 4 or 94 – or anywhere in between – there is something for you to do at the Jewish Community Centre.

If you are concerned with the issues which affect us as Jews and as Canadians; if you paint, dance, sing, act, swim, play games or athlete of either the steam room or more active variety or think you should be; if you would like to meet and be with stimulating and interesting folks, the Centre is for you and every member of your family.

Individuals and families are invited to visit the Centre, tour the facilities and discuss their participation with any member of the

High Holidays Wednesday Eve

Wednesday evening at sunset, Jews the world over will usher in Rosh Hashanah and mark the inception of the Jewish New Year 5734 in a solemn and reverent manner. Rosh Hashanah begins the Ten Days of Penitence which culminate in the fasting and the religious services of Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

This year, Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown on Wednesday evening, September 26 and ends after sundown on Friday evening September 28. The Hebrew calendar records the beginning of the Holy Day as the 1st of Tishre, 5734. Yom Kippur begins at sundown Friday, October 5 and ends after sundown on Saturday October 5.

Consult your synagogue bulletin for schedules of services and other details.

Soldiers' Parcels at Rosh Hashanah

Gilbert Greenberg, the moving spirit behind Ottawa's efforts for the Israel Soldiers' Welfare Association, has written to the community to ask for help in sending parcels to boys and girls who will not be able to go home for the holidays. The cost of a parcel is $3.50 Canadian.

Mr. Greenberg had over 400 responses the first time he made the appeal two years ago. Last year, almost 500 contributed. He hopes there will be a similar increase in the respondents this year.

You can still participate by sending your cheque payable to "The Association for Welfare of Soldiers in Israel" to Mr. Greenberg c/o Minto Construction Limited P.O. Box 5152, Station F, Ottawa, K2C 3H8.

Eight-Week Pre-Retirement Series Begins October 15

The years ahead are important ones – worth planning and preparing for. Since the turn of the century, doctors and scientists have added 20 years to our lives. The number of years we will now spend in retirement has nearly tripled.

Will these years prove a boon or a problem to us? Much of that depends upon what we are doing now by way of preparing for them. Most of us probably have some vague idea about "taking it easy," doing a little golfing, travelling or "just loafing." But will that really be enough to occupy us during the many years we can now look forward to when we retire ? Studies of retired people show that it takes more than just a general idea. It takes some real planning.

To help you get down to facts and bring your plans into focus, the Jewish Community Centre and The National Council of Jewish Women, Ottawa Section are presenting an 8-session lecture-discussion program of planning and preparing for the later years of life. The program will deal with problems like these: How can I live comfortably on my expected income? Should I plan to work part time? Should I move or should I stay put? What foods should I eat? How can I stay in the best possible health? How can I spend

Myer Vexler

my leisure time in a rewarding way? What type of accommodation and what type of living arrangements can I make?

By getting together and trading ideas in discussion meetings you will learn new facts and new ideas, and have the opportunity to discuss, exchange, and thrash out your own ideas.

Myer Vexler is co-ordinating the series. Speakers include Dr. Morris Resnick, Bernard Shinder, Dr. Stanley Goldstein, Dr. Gerald Bloom, Saul Ross and Yale Greenberg.

Participation is limited to 40 persons. The course fee is $7.00 per person; $10.00 per family.

Massages for Men and Women

The J.C.C. employs a masseur for men and a masseuse for women who like and enjoy the stimulation of body and facial massage.

Miss Valentina Piesak is available to the ladies on Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 12:00; and on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 9:30.

Mr. Leslie is available on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and all day Sunday without appointment. If these hours are not convenient, Mr. Leslie can be reached through the Centre for an appointment.

Fee for massage: $2.50; facials, $2.75; pedicure, $2.75; manicure, $2.00.

PRESENTATION TO ABE PALMER ON COMPLETION OF TERM AS PRESIDENT

Abe and Bertha Palmer display the plaque and bouquet they received from Norman Zagerman as his first official act on assuming the presidency at the Annual General Meeting of the Vaad. The inscription reads: "Presented to Abe Palmer by the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir (Jewish Community Council of Ottawa) for distinguished leadership and meritorious service as President, June 28, 1971 – June 26, 1973." It concludes with the following quotation from the Siddur: "He who occupies himself with the needs of the community merits the blessings of the Almighty and the tribute of the whole House of Israel."

Hillel Lodge Elects Officers; Rooms Available on 3rd Floor

Hillel Lodge, the Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged, has a new slate of officers for 1973–74 headed by Ben Levin. They are:

Immediate Past-President: Dr. Joseph Greenblatt; President: Ben B. Levin; First Vice-President: Theodore P. Metrick, Q.C.; Second Vice-President: Dr. M. Ralph Berke: Treasurer: Arnold Lithwick; Secretary: Mrs. M. Sidney Green.

Board of Directors: Mrs. Anne Altow, Mrs. Isaac Beiles, Mrs. Samuel Lepofsky, Mrs. Nathan Schecter, Mrs. Abram Slone, Dr. Stanley Goldstein, Dr. Jayson Greenblatt, Dr. Nathan Schecter, Dr. Marcus Weinberger, Norman Swedko, Lawrence Slover, Samuel Caplan, Joe Feller, Nap Kapinsky, Judah Kershman, Jack Krane, Mac Levin, Abe Levine, Sidney Lithwick, Norman Mirsky, Henry Pass and Maurice Schwartz.

Mrs. Sam Nadolny was elected President of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Her new slate of officers follows:

Honourary President: Mrs. Helen Beiles; Immediate Past President: Mrs. Ann Taller; President: Mrs. Rachel Nadolny; Vice-President: Mrs. Esther Baker; Treasurer: Mrs. Bertha Dover; Assistant Treasurers: Mrs. Claire Metrick and Mrs. Rose Goldstein; Recording Secretary: Mrs. Jean Slone; Social Secretary: Mrs. Becky Glustein.

Hillel Lodge has become part of the extended care program of the Province of Ontario, permitting a number of beds to be accredited for subsidy.

The completion of the third floor added 19 beds to the existing 29, for a total of 48. The area is rugged, furnished and air-conditioned. A few rooms are available

Ben B. Levin

Mrs. Sam Nadolny

and inquiries are invited.

The next step in the construction program is the erection of a chapel which will be completed before the end of the year. Miss Daisy Mitchell, a recreologist has been added to the staff.

Teen Talk

It'll be a "Hard Days Night"

On Sunday, October 7, the J.C.C. in conjunction with Teen Council is holding its first big event of the year. "The Hard Day's Night Marathon" begins at 1:00 with twelve straight hours of fun, including movies, dancing, gym events, supper, etc. Prizes will be awarded for gym events and dance contests as well as three major door prizes at the Rock & Roll Dance Finale.

It's different, it's unique, it WILL be a "Hard Day's Night" but it should be a riot!

Price: Members, free; Non-members, $1.00;

Come . . . . . Enjoy yourself.

Rap Sessions

Last year, R.S. proved to be a tremendous success amongst a majority of Teens. We are re-establishing the weekly R.S. again this year. All those wishing to register, please get in touch with Bernie or Roy at 232-7306.

House League Sports

Basketball, Floor Hockey, Volleyball, etc. Anyone interested in participating in a House League sports team is urged to come down to the "Hard Day's Night" Marathon Sunday, October 7. To register call the Teen Office at 232-7306.

Israel Youth Tour

Plans are well under way for an Israel Tour during the Winter Break. Prices and information have been carefully screened and the best possible trip has been chosen. All those wishing more information, please contact Teen Office. Watch for full details coming up soon.

Gymnastic Club

A course in gymnastics will be offered on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The class will be under the direct supervision of Leslie Ospechook, the Centre's gymnastic instructor. All those interested, please contact the Teen Office.

Games Evenings

Do you play chess, checkers, ping-pong, pool, cards, etc.? Are you interested in setting up tournaments and clubs? If so, please call the Teen Office at 232-7306.

Leadership and Participation in Groups Courses Offered

Two outstanding courses in leadership and participation in groups are being offered to the women of the community this fall.

The first to be given on ten consecutive Monday nights from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m at the Jewish Community Centre, starts October 15. It is highly recommended for those in organization work.

The second, for women who participated last year, is built around a follow-up series of four sessions, beginning the week of October 29.

The following subjects have been established as the blueprint for the beginning group, but the areas to be emphasized will be determined by the group itself:

Working co-operatively; building effective groups; deeision-making; improving inter-personal relations; problem solving; handling conflict; discussion group leadership; questioning and listening techniques.

The resource people are Charles Stafford, a graduate of Sir George Williams University who is now program director and in charge of adult education for the Boy Scouts of Canada; and Mrs. Lynne Pearson, who holds an M.A. in community development from the University of Alberta and is now head of community development at Algonquin College.

Call Mrs. Gerald Bloom at 725-1987 or Mrs. Laz Mirsky at 722-1966 to register or to obtain more information. The fee for the ten week program is $20.00; and for the four week program, $8.00.

The courses are sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Vaad in co-operation with Algonquin College Department of Continuing Education, the National Council of Jewish Women and the Jewish Community Centre.

Women's Fitness Classes Held Downtown and the West End

The ladies of the community are invited to take part in a streamlined new fitness program which began September 10. Classes are held at the Centre and for those who find it more convenient, at the West End Synagogue. Here are the details of the four semesters planned for 1973–74:

Autumn Session –
Monday, September 10 through Thursday, October 25 – 7 weeks
Fall Session –
Monday, October 29 through Thursday, December 13 – 7 weeks
Winter Session –
Monday, January 7 through Thursday, March 14 –10 weeks
Spring Session –
Monday, March 25 through Thursday, May 30 –10 weeks

At the Centre:
9:30 to 10:00, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, under the direction of Leslie Ospechook. Free to Centre Members; others – $14. for each seven week session; $20. for each ten week session. Advance registration by telephone to 232-7306.

At the West End:
9:30 to 10:15, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, under the direction of Doreen Keir. Fee is $14. for each seven week session; $20. for each ten week session. Centre members – 50% reduction. Ethel Taylor is Chairman, assisted by Malca Polowin and Bert Victor. Register with any of them.

Talmud Torah News and Notes

1. John R. Gorry has been appointed as Principal, West End and Supervisor, Ontario School Curriculum. Mr. Gorry holds a B.A. (Queen's University) Psychology, English History; B. Ed. (Toronto) and M. Ed. (Ottawa), Psychology & Counselling. He is familiar with Hillel Academy, having taught grade 9 during his sabbatical in 1969–70.

2. On June 20, Talmud Torah School systems graduated a total of 45 students; 3 Hebrew High School (Afternoon); 9 Arch Street Afternoon Hebrew School; 10 West End Afternoon Hebrew School; and 23 Hillel Academy students.

The following students received awards:

Hillel Academy:
Highest in General Studies – Shirley E. Levitan
Highest in Hebrew Studies – Paula Sanders

Afternoon School:
Highest in Hebrew (Arch) – Leonard Muroff
Highest in Hebrew (W.E.) – Esther Penso

Afternoon Hebrew High School:
Zahava Feig, Bonnie Flatt and Judith Goldberg.

3. Mr. Thomas Sachs presented Chumashim to each graduate.

4. Scholarships were awarded to the following:
The Mayer and Rose Landau Travel Scholarship – Noa Heilman
The Loeb Memorial Scholarship – John Rosenes
The Dina and Jacob Polowin Memorial Scholarship – Claudia Koenig
The Braham Memorial Scholarship – Hinda Goldberg
The Sara Silverman Memorial Travel Scholarship – Debra Litwack, Alisa Lewin, Zahava Feig

Edward Rosenthal

Assistant Director

Edward Rosenthal, Program Director of the Jewish Community Centre for the past seven years, has been named Assistant Executive Director of the multi-faceted operations of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir, Jewish Community Centre and United Jewish Appeal.

The newly-created post adds broad fund-raising and community organization responsibilities to Mr. Rosenthal's program supervisory role.

The J.C.C. Library Open & Operating

The Jewish Community Centre Judaica Library is open again for your browsing and reading pleasure. There are over 3,000 volumes covering a wide range of topics including fiction, poetry, art, philosophy, religion, Israel, and history. There is also a selection of Yiddish and Hebrew books, as well as a reference section which proudly boasts the new Encyclopedia Judaica.

Library hours are noon to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 to 3:00 on Sunday. Committees are being formed to enlarge and expand the facilities in order to better serve the needs of the community. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please call 232-7306, Local 14.

A "general amnesty" will be granted on all overdue books from the student and general libraries. Take advantage of the Rosh Hashanah spirit. Return all overdue books now.

Some of the new arrivals:

"Four Paths to One God" by Gilbert Rosenthal.

"And perhaps . . . The Story of Ruth Dayan".

"Poems from the Hebrew" by Robert Mezey.

"Bittersweet Encounter – The Afro-American and The American Jew" by Robert G. Weisbord.

"Collected Poems of Irving Layton".

"The Winds of War" by Herman Wouk.

"My Name is Asher Lev" by Chaim Potok.

"O Jerusalem" by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre.

A special issue of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin devoted primarily to Israel Bonds is in preparation and will reach you before Yom Kippur.

Vaad Report

by Norman Zagerman

President, Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir

I believe that an ordering of priorities is as essential in our approach to Jewish communal organization as it is in any well-run business operation. I am therefore pleased to list those areas which my colleagues and I on the Executive Council of the Vaad have established as goals for our work during 1973–74:

1. Completion of the revision of the constitution.
2. Implementation of the Study on Jewish Education.
3. Beefing up channels of communication with the community at large through:
   a) Regular publication of the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin.
   b) Utilization of the Canadian Jewish News.
   c) Cable television.
   d) Town Hall meetings.
4. Launching of the Ottawa Jewish Community Endowment & Bequest Foundation.
5. Establishment of a more meaningful dialogue and better understanding with the local beneficiaries of the United Jewish Appeal.
6. Establishment of priorities for fund-raising and insistence on maintenance of the fund-raising calendar.
7. Establishment of a Community Hall of Honour.
8. Establishment of a memorial tribute to Mr. David Epstein.
9. Study on staff duties, responsibilities and table of organization.
10. Completion of arrangements with the Public Archives of Canada and transfer of available materials to them for preservation and safekeeping Initiation of community-wide campaign for documents and artifacts of historical value.
11. Establishment of a social planning base to develop:
    a) Integrated services for youth.
    b) Integrated services for the aged.
    c) A Jewish family service.
    d) A demographic and attitudinal study of the Jewish community.
    e) Identification of unmet needs.
12. Initiation of a new leadership development program.
13. Examination of the role of women in communal service.
14. Focus on Jewish identity from the vantage point of the family, Jewish institutions and the college campus.
15. Sharpening up our United Jewish Appeal fund-raising techniques.
16. Establishment of a continuing dialogue with decision-makers in the general community, in the interests of improving group relations and understanding.

At our first meeting on September 13, we heard a report from Judah Kershman, Chairman of the B'nai B'rith Camp Committee. His submission was the first in a series of presentations to be made each month by the heads of our local beneficiary agencies. The object is to give these organizations an opportunity to share their programs and concerns with us twice a year, without the pressures which normally attend their formal appearances before our Budget & Allocations Committee. I think this makes good sense and should lead to better understanding.

The officers, members and staff of the Vaad join me in extending best wishes to you and your family for a year of good health, happiness and prosperity. I know you join me in the hope that the new year will bring peace to all mankind, security for the people of Israel and further progress towards our goals as a united community.

L'shanah tovah tikatevu.

Health Club at your service — come and be our guest!

We're proud of our J.C.C. Health Club and want to show you how it can help you retain the vigor and well-being of a physically-fit existence.

We'd like you to sample the product and hereby extend an invitation to visit with us during Open House from now through October 31.

We'll be glad to give you a Courtesy Card entitling you to a *free visit, free steam, a free massage and a free exercise class.* Just ask for one at the switchboard. If you like what you see and want more of the same, it's only natural for us to hope that you'll decide to become a member. If not, nothing is lost and we've gained a friend!

U.J.A. Study Mission to Israel Leaves Ottawa February 26

Details of the Fourth Annual Ottawa U.J.A. Study Mission to Israel have been announced by the United Jewish Appeal Executive Committee.

Building on the highly-successful experience of the past three years, mission planners have developed an itinerary which includes places and people to which the regular tour cannot gain access.

These extras proved the most interesting for the 1971, 1972 and 1973 groups who have become the best boosters of the whole mission idea. Their enthusiasm – and the warm camaraderie which developed as they travelled the country – has been infectious. If early inquiries are any indication, all places will be filled quickly.

The mission is purposely confined to eighteen homogeneous couples – just enough to fill one modern bus comfortably. That number is also best for briefings, mobility and involvement in the program.

The basic trip is two weeks in length. It leaves via Montreal on Tuesday evening, February 26 and returns Wednesday, March 13. Those who wish to stay on in Israel until March 18 can do so on their own. A European stopover can be arranged for an extra fee.

The trip will be deluxe throughout with the top hotels in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa used as bases of operation. One night will be spent on a kibbutz on Lake Tiberias.

The nine days of touring in Israel will be led by Yaacov Adler, the expert guide who has been with all three previous groups. Some of the highlights include visits with the Israeli army, navy and air force; the occupied territories in the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights; Massada; Jerusalem; Sharm el Sheikh; and if circumstances permit, to the Suez Canal. There will also be an opportunity to meet Israelis of similar background and several Ottawans now living in Israel have offered hospitality.

The cost is about $950. Canadian for double occupancy, two meals per day. The cost includes touring, transfers, baggage handling and economy class space on aircraft. $400. per person in Israel Bonds may be used towards the cost.

Hy Hochberg will be pleased to supply information to anyone who is interested in this different, in-depth exposure to Israel. It is particularly recommended for first-timers.

A meeting of interested couples will be held shortly. If you have already submitted your name, it is not necessary to call again.

Quoted Out of Context

David Lewis, M.P., leader of the New Democratic Party, was the guest speaker at the Sixtieth Anniversary meeting of the Labour Zionist Alliance held in Montreal, September 8.

Unfortunately, Mr. Lewis was quoted out of context by the press. Officials of the sponsoring organization termed the coverage "disturbing and unjust".

In order to set the record straight, Mr. Lewis wrote immediately to The Gazette in Montreal. His explanatory letter follows:

"The report in your paper on Monday of a speech on Israel which I made in Montreal Saturday night unfortunately gives a totally inaccurate impression of what I said on certain points.

My appeal to the audience was to the effect that Jewry outside Israel should give all possible support to that country, whatever may be its accomplishments, even though they have been very great. I stressed that the importance of Israel to world Jewry is in the fact of its existence which gives the Jew outside Israel a sense of a future instead of merely a sense of the past.

I emphasized that Israel is led by human beings who are also capable of error as are all human beings. But that should not affect the duty of world Jewry to give every possible assistance to ensure that Israel's existence is guaranteed and it can continue to make progress.

I also emphasized that Canadians of Jewish origin should not be satisfied merely with giving funds to Israel. They must also give it moral and spiritual support and, in this country, live as Canadians and as Jews.

Perhaps I failed to make myself as clear as I should have but the fact is that the report in your paper gave a totally wrong impression of what I intended to say and said."

Simchat Torah Rally Oct. 20

For the last few years in particular, Simchat Torah has become a time for Jews in the free world to express their solidarity with the Jews of the Soviet Union. The idea comes from the inspiring example of young Jews who dance in front of the Synagogue in Moscow and other centres of Jewish population in Russia despite the harrassment of the authorities.

The Ottawa Jewish Community will join all of Canadian Jewry in the observance of Freedom Sabbath on Saturday, October 20. You are urged to attend your Synagogue that day for special prayers.

That evening, at 8:00 o'clock the Simchat Torah Rally will take place at the Jewish Community Centre. It will feature folk-singer Yechiel Eckstein in songs of freedom and Genia Intrator, the head of women for Soviet Jewry in Toronto who has just returned from the Soviet Union where she spent considerable time with the Jewish activists. Mrs. Intrator speaks Russian and several other languages.

During the course of the evening, another call will be tried to the Soviet Union. The one we made from Ottawa last Pesach was widely reported in the world press.

A minimum charge of $1.00 per person will be made to defray expenses.

Music Patrons' Project Oversubscribed

Mrs. Bertram Loeb, Chairman of the Jewish Community Centre Music Committee and Abe Lipson, chairman of the Music Patrons' Drive wish to express their appreciation to the one hundred and forty families who subscribed to the project.

Mrs. Loeb credits the success of the effort to the generosity of the donors and to the energetic committee which completed its assignment in record time.

The proceeds will enable the J.C.C. Symphony Orchestra and the J.C.C. Choral Group to cover most of their limited operating budgets for the coming year.

Join the Nooners!

Every weekday from 12:30 to 1:00, a group of men jog, run and exercise at the Jewish Community Centre.

Others play handball or paddleball, take a shvitz and massage or follow a weight-training regimen in the special exercise room. Some come every day, others two or three times a week. The important thing they have learned is that some type of regular exercise makes them feel and look better.

You are invited to take part. The program will do wonders for your disposition and waistline. Use your lunch hour to exercise gently and eat lightly. You can have a light snack right in the Health Club and get back to work refreshed and better equipped to meet the challenges you face each day.

Jewish Studies

Carleton University is offering three courses in Jewish Studies this fall which will be taught by Professor Eugene Rothman. The courses are open to regular and special students. The fee is $127.40 per course.

Religion 34.015 – Introduction to Hebrew – Mondays 1:00 to 2:30; Wednesdays 11:30 to 1:00. Study of Hebrew grammar, style, reading and writing stressed.

Religion 34.240 – Judaism and the Jewish People – Mondays 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Historical survey: From Second Temple to the present.

Religion 34.350 – Modern Jewish Thought – Tuesdays 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Launch Cable TV Program

An exciting new development which is designed to improve communications and promote intergroup relations has been launched by the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir and the National Council of Jewish Women, with the co-operation of Skyline Cablevision.

Three pilot programs produced during the spring and summer have convinced the sponsors that "Shalom – Ottawa" as the program is called, has tremendous potential. Ongoing shows in Montreal and Toronto have shown that this is the case.

Cable TV is not the costly, highly-professionalized world of commercial television, but rather community-rooted and lay produced. The station provides the air time free of charge and practically everything else is done by the committee and others who have been drawn in or attracted to this media. This includes producing, writing, directing, interviewing, graphics, research, camera work and so on. The sole exception is the guidance given by one of the station directors. As a result, the whole operation costs very little.

It is amazing what a willing and talented group of amateurs can do and their first show last week on the High Holiday theme proved the point. Experience is a great teacher and there is no doubt the program will improve from show to show.

Shalom Ottawa will be seen every second Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. in the eastern part of the city and rebroadcast in both the east and west ends on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. It is a half hour in length.

The next show is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2 and Sunday, October 7. Tune in and let us have your reactions.

The interim planning committee is comprised of Merida Sachs, Gittel Tatz, Ruth Calof, Dena Gosewich, Anita Pollock and Hy Hochberg.

Evening Fitness

The Jewish Community Centre announces new classes for couples and singles every week-night from 7:45 to 8:30 under the supervision of Reg. Hewitt. Volleyball and badminton can be played afterwards.

Hebrew Classes

A new 24-week series in Conversational Hebrew is being offered by the Centre under the direction of Mrs. Yael Lefkovitch. The beginners' class, which is held on Monday evenings, begins October 8 and will enable all students to gain a basic skill in conversational Hebrew. The course fee is $40.00 for Centre members and $50.00 for non-members.

An intermediate course is offered on Tuesday evenings, beginning October 9. The course fee is $50.00 for members and $60.00

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THE J.C.C.'S WEST END FITNESS CLASS

These are some of the ladies who took the Jewish Community Centre's West End Fitness Class conducted at the Agudath Israel Synagogue by Doreen Keir. This year's program began on September 10 and the current 7-week session ends on